GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL PROTECTION FORCE
SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a fresh proposal to establish Special Protection Force to protect railway property and prevent terrorist activities in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its financial implications;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the existing security arrangements in trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the expenditure incurred by the Railways for security arrangements for the last three years, year-wise and current year so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Security arrangements on Railways are reviewed regularly with the StateGovernment authorities. Coordination meetings with State authorities are held at all levels. Recently, a Conference of Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Policeof State Governments and Union Territories was held in the Ministry`s office on 15.01.2000, to discuss issues affecting the security of Railway passengers.

(e) The following expenditure was incurred by the Railways for the past three Years:-

i) Railway Protection Force		ii) Government Railway Police-	
1996-97	Rs.302.49 crores	19996-97	Rs.78.97 crores
1997-98	Rs.393.81 crores	1997-98	Rs. 96.97 crores
1998-99	Rs. 493.28 crores	1998-99	Rs.109.37 crores

The information for the current year is being collected from the Zonal Railways.